

REMARKS

The office action of December 10, 2007, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to Minnerop.

Claims 1-3 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over SMS Demag Newsletter.

Claims 1-6 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to Wilson.

Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Wilson.

Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Wilson in view of the patent to Uppaluri.

In view of the Examiner's rejections of the claims, applicant has canceled claim 13, and amended claims 1, 4, 5 and 12.

With the cancellation of claim 13, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 13 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended the claims to address the instances of indefiniteness pointed out by the Examiner.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1, 4, 5, 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently on file differ essentially and in an unobvious, highly advantageous manner from the methods disclosed in the references.

Turning now to the references, applicant has reviewed all of the references cited by the Examiner. None of the references disclose or teach a method for installing machine foundations in which all the associated drive elements, control elements, fastening elements, as well as pipes, cables, and other pieces of equipment necessary for operation are installed or assembled on the machine/foundation block before insertion into the production line. None of the references teach the preparation of such a self contained unit that is ready for insertion into the production line in a quick and efficient manner so that the foundation with all of the pre-installed components is ready for operation. This is not taught by the references.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of claims 1-6 and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and the rejections of claims 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

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